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8. Special attention should be paid to the sanitary condition and history of passengers arriving directly or indirectly from the Pacific coast towns of Central America.

9. All outgoing vessels must be provided with a bill of health in accordance with the law, and, in addition thereto, certificates in duplicate signed by the medical officer attached to the consulate and giving the name of the ship, her master, the number of crew, and a list of passengers, their sanitary condition, and their ultimate destination in the United States, and stating the health conditions of the port and surrounding country, of the ship and her crew, with any other pertinent information. This certificate shall be attached to the bill of health and a duplicate to the duplicate bill of health.

SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR VESSELS ENGAGED IN THE
FRUIT TRADE BETWEEN FOREIGN PORTS INFECTED WITH YELLOW
FEVER, OR WHERE YELLOW FEVER PREVAILS, AND PORTS OF THE
UNITED STATES.

The foregoing rules and regulations shall apply also to vessels engaged in the fruit trade between foreign ports infected with yellow fever, or where yellow fever prevails, and ports of the United States, and are the special regulations provided for in Article II, paragraph 2, D, exception 3, of the Quarantine Regulations for Domestic Ports, November 13, 1899. Attention is called to the further requirement in said Article II, paragraph 2, D, exception 3, that these vessels shall carry no passengers; and also to the regulations to be observed at all foreign ports with regard to vessels leaving for the United States or its dependencies.

WALTER WYMAN,
Supervising Surgeon-General U. S. M. H. S.

Approved:

O. L. SPAULDING,
Assistant Secretary.

Prohibition on figs and raisins from Smyrna raised.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *September 15, 1900.*

SIR: Referring to my letter of August 8, 1900, requesting that the consul at Smyrna be wired that "Shipment of raisins and figs prohibited, also second-hand and used rugs and carpets;" also to my letter of August 31, 1900, referring to a ruling to the effect that these regulations will be waived with regard to figs and raisins after Smyrna has been declared free from bubonic plague for sixty days, I have now to state that I am informed by the Surgeon-General of the Marine-Hospital Service that a careful investigation has just been completed in the laboratory of that Service of the viability of the plague bacillus upon

figs and raisins, and, as a result, he is warranted in preparing the following telegram, which I have to request you will forward :

“Prohibition against importation of figs and raisins from Smyrna now waived.”

The Surgeon-General has notified the importers.

Respectfully,

O. L. SPAULDING,
Acting Secretary.

HON. SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Death from bubonic plague on steamship Coptic at Kobe.

SAN FRANCISCO QUARANTINE STATION,
Angel Island, Cal., September 5, 1900.

SIR: Dr. Chapman, the surgeon of the steamer *Doric*, informed me on his arrival at this port on the 3d instant that the steamer *Coptic*, which left San Francisco on July 26, was in quarantine at Kobe on the day of the *Doric's* arrival at that place. The captain of the *Coptic* informed the surgeon of the *Doric* that they were in quarantine on account of a suspicious case of illness of a Chinese, and were then awaiting the arrival of the chief quarantine officer from Yokohama. The local quarantine officer at Kobe suspected it to be a case of bubonic plague.

On the arrival of the *Doric* at Yokohama on the following day the officials of the steamship company informed him that they had just heard from Kobe to the effect that the case had died and was one of bubonic plague. The *Coptic* is quarantined for ten days.

Dr. Chapman believes that the case came from Honolulu, but is not quite certain.

Respectfully,

J. J. KINYOUN,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., Quarantine Officer.

Arrival at Baltimore of vessels from West Indian and South American ports.

BALTIMORE, MD., *September 8, 1900.*

SIR: The following-named vessels entered at this port during the week ended September 8, 1900, from the ports named: September 4, British steamship *Benwick*, from Daiquiri, Cuba, with iron ore; British steamship *Taff*, from Port Antonio, Jamaica, with fruit; Norwegian steamship *Tyr*, from Santiago de Cuba, with iron ore; German steamship *Canadia*, from Barbados, British West Indies, with ballast. September 6, British steamship *Brookline*, from Bocas del Toro, with fruit; Norwegian steamship *Bergenseren*, from Port Antonio, Jamaica, with fruit.

Respectfully,

WM. F. STONE,
Collector.

BALTIMORE, MD., *September 15, 1900.*

SIR: The following-named vessels arrived at this port during the week ended this day from the ports named: September 10, Italian steamship *Alessandro del Buono*, from Guanta, Venezuela, with fruit. September 11, Norwegian steamship *Jamaica*, from Port Antonio, Jamaica, with fruit; British steamship *Ely*, from Port Antonio, Jamaica,